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CITE ADVANCES AT FIRST STATE BEARING PLANT
ON COMPLETION OF 20 YEARS OF OPERATION

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 25 Mar 52

On 29 March 1952, the Moscow First State Bearing Plant imeni L. M. Kaganovici will complete 20 years of operation. In honor of the occasion, the roller and universal joint bearing shops, several departments, and many shifts and brigades have fulfilled their first-quarter plans ahead of time.

Small series shop No 3 is making four-row bearings 1.5 meters in diameter and weighing 4 tons. Each bearing contains 104 rollers weighing 12 kilograms each. This is the first time the shop has produced this type of bearing.

The repair and machinery shop is assembling three rolling machines designed by Stalin Prize Winners N. Sokolov, V. Nikol'skiy, and other designers. The machines, which will further improve technological processes, will be ready by 29 March.

Leningradskaya Pravda, 26 Mar 52

The Moscow First State Bearing Plant is building a new type bearing in small series shop No 3. The bearing is about 1.3 meters in diameter and consists of five rings, four adapters, and several dozen rollers weighing 12 kilograms apiece. Total weight of the bearing is 4 tons.

First experimental models of the bearings were assembled on 25 March and gave good results in tests.

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 23 Mar 52

The Moscow First State Bearing Plant fulfilled the 1951 plan for precision bearings by 128 percent and the plan for higher precision bearings by 138 to 160 percent. Production costs were reduced 12.3 percent and labor productivity rose by more than 18 percent compared with 1950.

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The plan for the first 2 months of 1952 has been fulfilled.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 28 Mar 52

The Moscow First State Bearing Plant has raised bearing output 472 percent since 1946.

Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadzhikistana, 29 Mar 52

At the Moscow First State Bearing Plant, 1,136 brigades are competing for the excellent-quality title; 850 brigades, 124 departments, and 8 shops have already won this title.

The plant has organized the production of ten types of bearings intended for machines used at the construction projects.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 29 Mar 52

Prior to World War II, the Moscow First State Bearing Plant was producing about 700 type sizes of bearings.

Eighteen scientific research institutes and institutions work in cooperation with the plant.

Not long ago, only 300 kilograms of bearings were made from each ton of steel.

In 1932, when the First State Bearing Plant was put into operation, Nikolay Mikhaylovich Potapov, now Deputy Minister of the Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR, was an institute student who was put in charge of grinding at the plant; Mikhail Ovchinnikov, now an engineer and chief of production, was a setup man; Aleksey Tsvetkov, now chief of the precision bearings shop, was a controller; and Nikolay Gorin, now chief designer of the Central Design Bureau of the Bearing Industry, was a technician.

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